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SUBJECT: JAPAN-SOVIET FISHERIES IMPASSE

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1. JAPANESE LEADERS TELLING PRESS APRIL 1 SENSE THAT
SOVIET FISHERIES NEGOTIATORS UNDER RIGID INSTRUCTIONS TO
EXACT DE FACTO GOJ RECOGNITION OF SOVIET CLAIM TO "NORTHERN
TERRITORIES OFF HOKKAIDO COAST AS PRICE FOR JAPANESE ADMISSION
TO SOVIET 200-MILE FISHING ZONE. THEY SAY SOVIET DEMAND FOR
ADMISSION TO-BE-ESTABLISHED JAPANESE 12-MILE
TERRITORIAL SEA IS THOUGHT ONLY TACTICAL. CHIEF
CABINET SECRETARY SUNAO SONODA'S MISSION IN MOSCOW
WILL BE TO PERSUADE SOVIET LEADERS TO DECOUPLE FISHERIES
AND NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUES. HE WILL LEAVE
TOKYO AT 11 AM JST BEARING LETTER TO BREZHNEV OR
KOSYGIN FROM PM FUKUDA. SUPRA-PARTISAN DIET GROUP
ACCOMPANYING HIM WILL BE LED BY LDP LOWER HOUSE MEMBER
YOSHIO SAKARAUCHI AND WILL SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH,
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AMONG OTHERS, PODGORNY "TO EXPLAIN ACTUAL SITUATION AND TREND OF PUBLIC OPINION IN JAPAN." IF SONODA SUCCESSFUL, AGMIN ZENKO SUZUKI IS EXPECTED TO FOLLOW HIM TO MOSCOW FOR HIGH-LEVEL "TECHNICAL" TALKS.

2. YOMIURI APRIL 1, CITING "FONOFF LEADER," REPORTED GOJ HAD ADVANCED TIMETABLE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF

JAPANESE 200-MILE FISHING ZONE. GOJ HAD PLANNED TO ASK DIET ACTION IN AUTUMN SESSION, BUT NOW (IN EFFORT TO WIN EXTRA LEVERAGE AGAINST USSR) WOULD RUSH 200-MILE ZONE LEGISLATION THROUGH CURRENT DIET (WHICH EXPIRES MAY 28) IN TANDEM WITH PACT EXPECTED TO BE CONCLUDED WITH SOVIETS. SHOESMITH

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